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12601 SERVICE INSIGNIA

- A. Sleeve Device is the NOAA Corps device consisting of a circular base of gold matte embroidery 15/16-inch in diameter, with inscribed triangle of gold shine embroidery, the triangle outlined with heavy gold jaceron. The triangle shall be subdivided into three smaller triangles by a single line of jaceron. The device shall be centered on the sleeve midway between front and rear creases, the base of the triangle parallel to the edge of the cuff with the bottom of the embroidered circle 1/4-inch above the uppermost sleeve stripe.



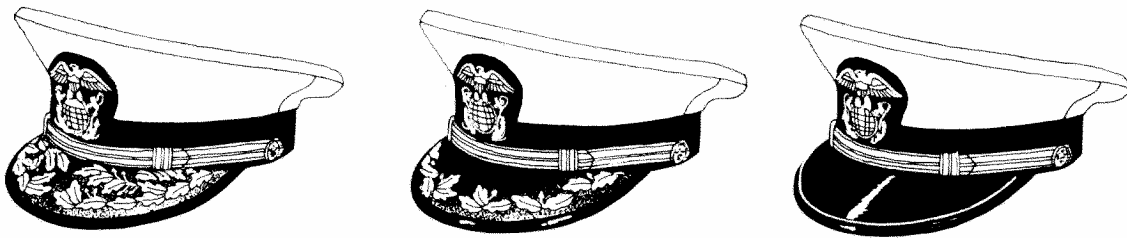
- B. Combination Cap Device is solid metal consisting of a full globe, 1-1/16 inches in diameter, surmounted by a spread eagle, facing dexter, 1-inch in height with tips of wings 2-3/8 inches apart. The breast of the eagle carries a shield 9/16-inch in height with tip of shield 1/16-inch above top of globe. The globe is superimposed on crossed fouled anchors 1-1/4 inches in overall length. The globe and eagle shall be of gold-colored metal, the anchors and shield of silver-colored metal.



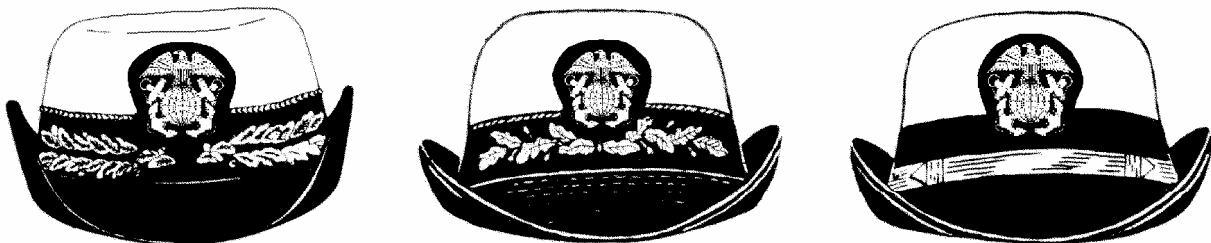
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- (1) Combination Cap (Male) insignia shall consist of a NOAA Corps combination cap device, a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. Officers in the grade of rear admiral (lower half) and above wear a visor covered with dark-blue cloth, embroidered fully in gold with two rows of oak leaves and acorns. For captains and commanders the visor shall be the same as for flag officers but with only one row of oak leaves and acorns. Officers in the grade of lieutenant commander and below wear a plain visor.



- (2) Combination Cap (Female) insignia shall consist of a NOAA Corps combination cap device and two 22-1/2-line NOAA cap screw buttons. Officers in the grade of rear admiral (lower half) and above wear a hat band covered with dark-blue cloth, embroidered fully in gold with two rows of oak leaves and acorns. The hat band is encircled at the top by gold braid piping approximately 1/8-inch-wide. For captains and commanders the hat band shall be the same as for flag officers but with only one row of oak leaves and acorns. Officers in the grade of lieutenant commander and below wear a plain hat band and a 1/2-inch-wide gold chin strap.



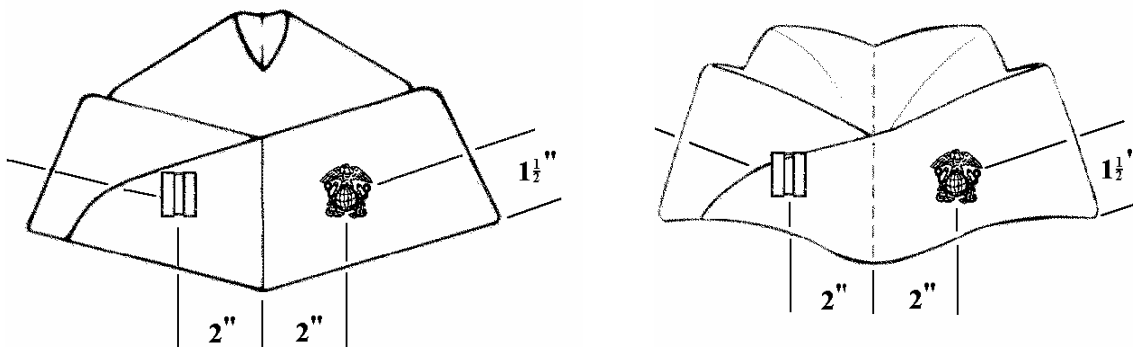
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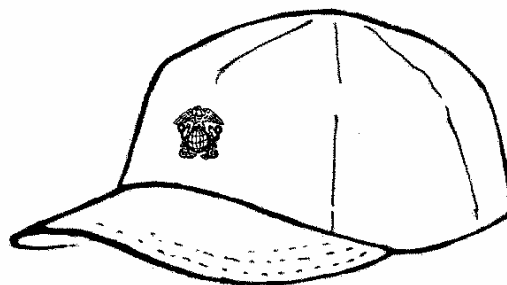
- C. Miniature Cap Device is metal and of similar design and color as the combination cap device except that each dimension shall be reduced by one-half and no shield shall be used on the breast of the eagle.



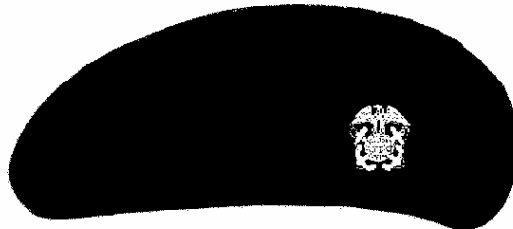
- (1) Garrison Cap shall be worn with a miniature cap device on the left and a collar grade insignia on the right as specified in section 12602C(2)(c). The devices are centered 1-1/2 inches from the lower edge and 2 inches from the center line.



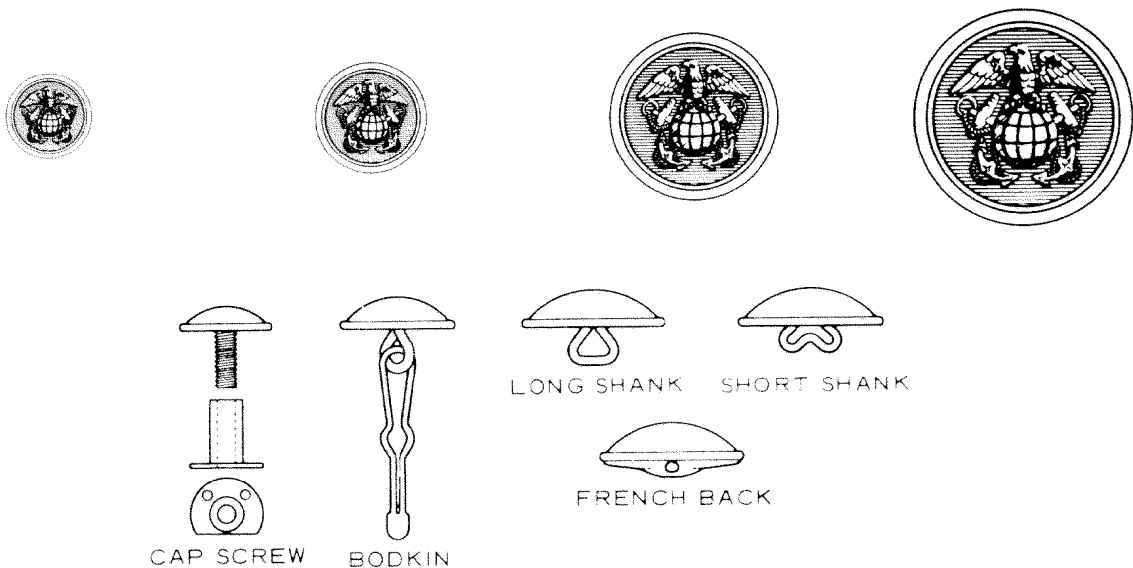
- (2) Command Ball Cap is worn with the miniature cap device centered both vertically and horizontally on the front of a plain cap. The miniature cap device may be worn on the front of a cap with a command logo and/or emblem as these designs permit. No grade insignia are worn on the command ball cap.



- (3) Beret (female only) shall be worn with the miniature cap device aligned over the left eye. No grade insignia are worn on the beret.



- D. Buttons are gold-colored metal with an embossed design consisting of an eagle rising, wings displayed and inverted, with the eagle's head turned to its right, with talons gripping the top of a globe, and two fouled anchors crossing behind the globe, with the flukes at the bottom of the design and the stocks under the eagle's wing. Button sizes are designated in terms of "lines," e.g., a 40-line button is 1 inch in diameter. Button sizes authorized are 22-1/2-line, 28-line, 35-line, and 40-line.



12602 GRADE INSIGNIA

- A. Sleeve Insignia consist of stripes of gold lace in widths of 2-inch, 1/2-inch, or 1/4-inch indicating an officer's grade. Stripes encircle the sleeve with the lower edge of the first stripe 2 inches from the edge of the sleeve. Multiple stripes are separated by 1/4-inch intervals. Sleeve insignia are worn as indicated below:

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- (1) Vice Admiral - One 2-inch stripe with two 1/2-inch stripes above it.
- (2) Rear Admiral - One 2-inch stripe with one 1/2-inch stripe above it.
- (3) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One 2-inch stripe.
- (4) Captain - Four 1/2-inch stripes.
- (5) Commander - Three 1/2-inch stripes.
- (6) Lieutenant Commander - Two 1/2-inch stripes with one 1/4-inch stripe in between.
- (7) Lieutenant - Two 1/2-inch stripes.
- (8) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One 1/2-inch stripe with one 1/4-inch stripe above it.
- (9) Ensign - One 1/2-inch stripe.



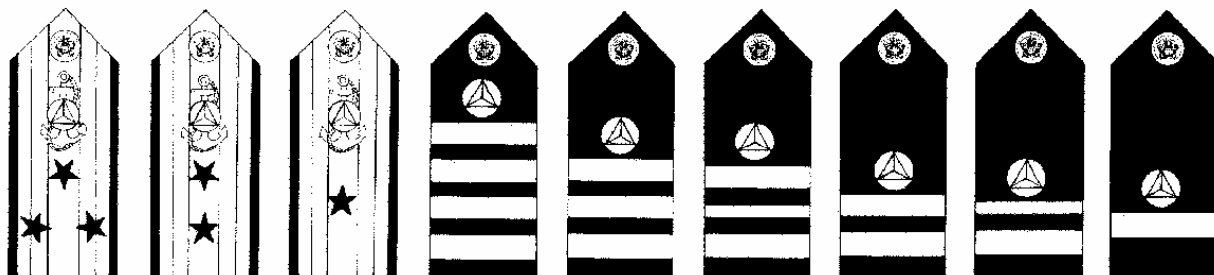
B. Shoulder Insignia consist of shoulder boards and metal grade insignia, as follows:

- (1) Hard Shoulder Boards indicate the wearer's grade and service. They shall be 5-1/2 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide, with the outer end squared and the inner end terminating in a symmetrical triangular peak, extending 1 inch beyond the parallel sides. They shall be stiff, curved to fit the shoulder and secured at their inner ends by a 22-1/2-inch line NOAA gilt button snap fastener or cap screw button.
 - (a) For flag officers the outside face of the hard shoulder board shall be covered with gold lace of approved shade and pattern, showing a margin of 1/8-inch of blue cloth on each of the long sides. A fouled anchor shall be embroidered in silver thereon with the centerline of the shank coinciding with the centerline of the longer dimension of the shoulder board.

Superimposed on the shank of the anchor is a 1/2-inch circle and inscribed equilateral triangle, the triangle to be embroidered in gold bullion or synthetic material. The crown of the anchor and base of the triangle shall be pointed toward the squared end of the board. The device shall measure 1-7/16 inch overall and shall be placed with the ring 1-1/4 inch from the pointed end of the board. The unfouled arm of the stock shall point to the front.

Designation of grade shall consist of silver embroidered five-pointed star(s), each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder board as follows:

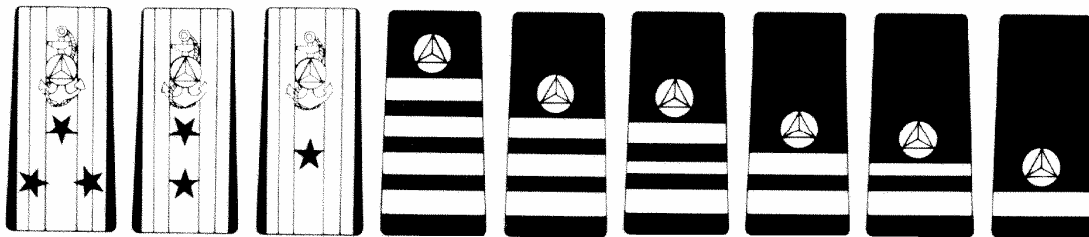
- (1) Vice Admiral - Three five-pointed stars placed to form an isosceles triangle with a 1-1/8 inch base and altitude. Inner star shall have a ray pointing toward the squared end of the shoulder board. Centers of the outermost stars shall be 3/4-inch from the squared end of the shoulder board and have a ray of each pointing toward the other.
 - (2) Rear Admiral - Two five-pointed stars embroidered in silver, each of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/4-inch in diameter, placed on the centerline of the board, with the centers of the stars 13/16-inch apart, and the center of the outer star 3/4-inch from the squared end of the board. A ray of each star shall point toward the other.
 - (3) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One five-pointed star located on the center line of the shoulder board and centered between the crown of the anchor and the squared end of the shoulder board, with one ray pointing toward the pointed end of the shoulder board.
- (b) For officers below flag grade the outside face of the hard shoulder board shall be covered with navy-blue cloth lined with black silk, rayon, or similar cloth. Grade shall be designated by stripes of gold lace of the same width and number and with the same spacing as specified in 12602A for stripes on the sleeves of the coat, except that the outer edge of the first stripe shall be 1/4-inch (1/2-inch for ensigns) from the squared end of the shoulder board. A Corps device 15/16-inch in diameter, embroidered in gold, shall be affixed 1/4 inch above the innermost stripe.



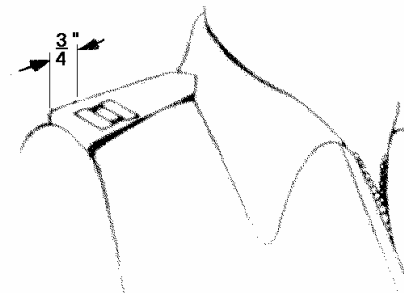
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- (2) Soft Shoulder Boards shall be made of navy-blue gabardine or similar material, sewn in a loop to fit over the shoulder straps. They shall be 4-3/16 inches long, squared at both the inner and outer ends, tapering from 2-1/4 inches wide at the outer end to 1-7/8 inches wide at the inner end.
- (a) For flag officers the outside face of the soft shoulder boards shall be covered with 1-1/2 inches width gold lace, with embroidery similar to that on the hard shoulder boards for each grade.
- (b) For officers below flag grade, grade shall be designated by a stripe or stripes of gold lace of 3/8-inch or 1/8-inch widths, encircling the boards. The outer edge of the first stripe shall be 1/4-inch from the outer edge of the shoulder board, with 1/4-inch intervals between stripes. A Corps device, 15/16-inch in diameter, embroidered in gold, shall be affixed 1/4 inch above the innermost stripe.



- (3) Metal Shoulder Grade Insignia are large U.S. Navy-type, and shall be worn on the shoulders of aviation coveralls and the shoulder straps of all-weather coats/raincoats, black jackets, and blue and khaki windbreaker jackets to indicate the wearer's grade. The outer edge of each device shall be placed 3/4-inch from the squared end of the strap. On aviation coveralls without shoulder straps, wear the insignia 3/4-inch inboard from the shoulder seam. NOTE: Army-type insignia are different and are NOT authorized.

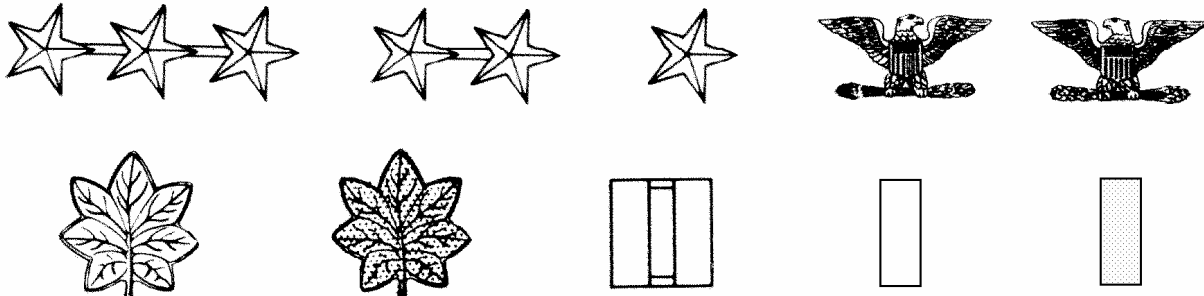


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- (a) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored, five-pointed pyramidically-shaped stars, worn lengthwise on the strap so that the single ray of each star points toward the collar.
- (b) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidically-shaped stars, worn in the same manner as prescribed for vice admiral.
- (c) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, five-pointed, pyramidically-shaped star, one ray of which shall point toward the collar.
- (d) Captain - A silver-colored spread eagle, worn with the top of eagle's head toward the collar, and head and olive branch pointing to the front (rights and lefts).
- (e) Commander - A silver-colored oak leaf, plain, raised, and veined, worn with the tip of leaf toward the collar.
- (f) Lieutenant Commander - A gold-colored oak leaf of the same design as that prescribed for commander, worn in the same manner.
- (g) Lieutenant - Two silver-colored bars, attached at the ends, placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bars in a fore and aft line.
- (h) Lieutenant (junior grade) - One silver-colored bar placed on the long center line of each shoulder strap with the longer dimension of the bar in a fore and aft line.
- (i) Ensign - A gold-colored bar worn on the shoulder strap in the same manner as prescribed for lieutenant (junior grade).

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- (4) Embroidered Shoulder Grade Insignia are large U.S. Navy-type embroidered on a blue background. These insignia may be worn on the shoulders of aviation coveralls in lieu of metal shoulder grade insignia.

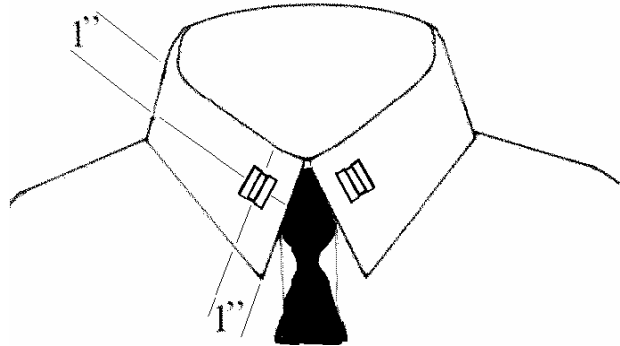
C. Metal Collar Grade Insignia are small U.S. Navy-type, and shall be worn on the collar points of shirts, as authorized, and on the garrison cap.

- (1) Description - Metal collar grade insignia shall be of the same design as metal shoulder grade insignia described in NCD 12602B (3) except as specified below.
- (a) Vice Admiral - Three silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars, worn with one ray of each star pointed upward and along a fine line drawn through the three stars.
 - (b) Rear Admiral - Two silver-colored pyramidically-shaped stars of the same characteristics and worn in the same manner prescribed for vice admiral.
 - (c) Rear Admiral (Lower Half) - One silver-colored, pyramidically-shaped star, one ray pointing upward.

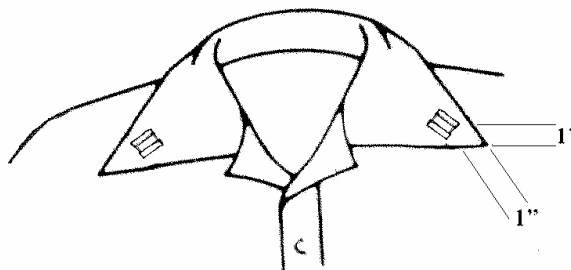


- (2) Manner of Wear

- (a) Closed Collar shirts, whether worn closed or open, shall have the insignia centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, except that for vice admirals and rear admirals, the first star shall be centered 1-inch from the front and upper edges of the collar, and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia at right angles (the horizontal axis parallel) to the upper edge of the collar.

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- (b) Open Collar shirts shall have the insignia centered 1-inch from the front and lower edges of the collar and positioned with the vertical axis of the insignia along (the horizontal axis at right angles to) an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.



- (c) Garrison Cap is worn with a collar grade insignia on the right and a miniature cap device on the left. The devices are centered 1-1/2 inches from the lower edge and 2 inches from the center line. Officers in the grade of captain wear the right eagle (i.e., eagle's head and olive branch shall be toward the centerline). See section NCD12601C(1).
- D. Embroidered Collar Grade Insignia are small U.S. Navy-type, embroidered on a dark blue background. These insignia will be worn on the collar points of working coveralls.
- E. Tie Clasp/Tack Grade Insignia, if worn, shall be the appropriate insignia to which the wearer is entitled.

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A. General - Command insignia are worn on the breast to indicate designation as Commanding Officer of a NOAA vessel or Chief-of-Party of a mobile duty assignment. Command insignia are authorized only for officers in the grade of captain and junior thereto. All insignia authorizations have to be approved by the Director. See NCD 12601 - Attachments 1 and 3.

B. Authorized Insignia

(1) NOAA Command-at-Sea Insignia

- (a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a triangle superimposed on anchor flukes and an unfurled commissioning pennant showing six triangles. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 1-1/2 inches in diameter and 3/4-inch in diameter.



- (b) The NOAA Command-at-Sea insignia is authorized for incumbents serving under orders designating them in command of Class 1 through Class 5 NOAA commissioned vessels.
- (c) A NOAA Corps officer who has previously successfully held command (but is not currently in command) of a NOAA commissioned vessel (as described in section above) for at least 6 months during which the vessel was engaged for at least 4 months in operations at sea, may, after authorization, wear the Command-at-Sea insignia.
- (d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by a NOAA Corps officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than six continuous months.

(2) NOAA Small-Craft-Command Insignia

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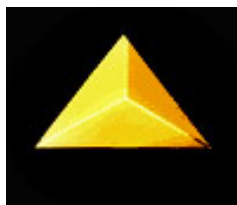
- (a) Shall be a bronze-colored insignia, of the same design and sizes as the Command-at-Sea insignia.



- (b) NOAA Corps officers not qualifying for the Command-at-Sea insignia as stated above who are incumbents serving under orders designating them as officer-in-charge or in command of NOAA vessels, greater than 50 feet in length up through Class 6, are authorized to wear the Small-Craft-Command insignia.
- (c) A NOAA Corps officer who has previously been in charge of, or held command of a NOAA vessel (as described in the section above) for at least 6 months during which the vessel spent at least 4 months in field operations, may, after authorization, wear the Small-Craft-Command insignia. This insignia shall not be worn when the Command-at-Sea insignia is authorized.
- (d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by an officer being temporarily or acting in command due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated commanding officer, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

(3) NOAA Chief-of-Party Insignia

- (a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a raised equilateral triangle. The insignia is provided in two sizes: approximately 1-1/2 inches on a side and approximately 3/4 inches on a side.



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- (b) The NOAA Chief-of-Party insignia is authorized for incumbents serving in assignments designating them as Chief-of-Party or equivalent.
- (c) A NOAA Corps officer who has previously served in an assignment as Chief-of-Party, or equivalent, for at least 6 months during which the unit was engaged for at least 4 months in field operations, may, after authorization, wear the Chief-of-Party insignia.
- (d) Eligibility to wear the insignia is not attained by an officer being temporarily assigned or acting as Chief-of-Party due to absence, illness or transfer of the designated Chief-of-Party, for periods of less than 6 continuous months.

C. Manner of Wear**(1) Incumbent**

- (a) Wear the command insignia centered 1/4 inch above the right breast pocket or pocket flap. When a name tag or ribbon bars are worn on the right breast, the insignia is centered 1/4 inch above them.
- (b) On the men's Service Dress Blue coat, the insignia is positioned on the right breast as though there were a pocket.
- (c) On Formal Dress and Dinner Dress Jacket (Blue or White), men wear the insignia centered on the right lapel, 3 inches below the notch; women wear the insignia centered on the right lapel, down one third the distance between the shoulder seam and the coat hem.

(2) Post-Tour

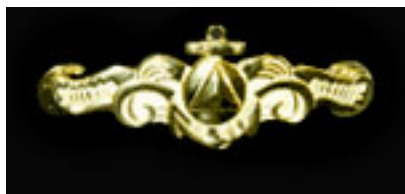
- (a) Only one post-tour command insignia may be worn. The choice of insignia worn is up to the individual.
- (b) Center the device point up on the left breast, 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket/flap. When wearing two qualification insignia, center the command insignia 1/4 inch below the secondary insignia, or on uniforms with pocket flaps, 1/4 inch below the flap.
- (c) When wearing miniature medals, center post-tour command insignia 1/4 inch below the medals or secondary qualification insignia.

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- (d) When wearing large medals, men center post-tour command insignia 1/4 inch below the lower of either medals or a qualification insignia in the secondary position; women center the insignia 1/4 inch above the left pocket flap, medals, or primary insignia. On men's Full Dress White the combination of breast insignia and medals shall not extend below the lower seam of the pocket.
- (3) Incumbent with Post-Tour Insignia - An incumbent shall not wear a post-tour command insignia of the same command category. An incumbent insignia may be worn with one post-tour command insignia, but the Small-Craft Command and Command-at-Sea insignia shall not be worn concurrently. Specifically, incumbent Small- Craft Command or Command-at-Sea insignia may be worn with post-tour Chief-of-Party insignia and vice versa.

12604 QUALIFICATION INSIGNIA

- A. NOAA Corps officers who have qualified as aviators, divers, submariners, parachutists, etc., or are otherwise entitled to wear a qualification insignia and whose right to wear it has not been specifically revoked, may wear the insignia at their discretion in accordance with these Directives.
- B. Authorized Insignia
 - (1) NOAA Deck Officer Insignia
 - (a) Shall be a gold-colored pin displaying breaking waves, with a central device consisting of a fouled anchor surcharged with a NOAA Corps device. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 2-5/8 inches by 1 inch and 1-5/16 inches by 1/2 inch.



- (b) NOAA Corps officers certified as Senior Watch Officer may wear the NOAA deck officer insignia after authorization by the Director, NC.

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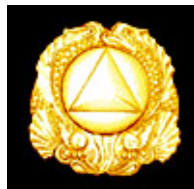
- (a) Shall be a gold-colored pin, winged, with a central device consisting of a fouled anchor surcharged with a NOAA Corps device. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 2-3/4 inches by 1 inch and 1-3/8 inches by 1/2 inch.



- (b) NOAA Corps officer pilots and navigators may wear the NOAA aviator insignia after authorization by the Director.

(3) NOAA Diver Insignia

- (a) Shall be a gold-colored pin consisting of a NOAA Corps device surrounded by two dolphins. The insignia is provided in two sizes: 1-1/2 inches in diameter and 3/4-inch diameter.



- (b) NOAA Corps officers qualified as NOAA divers may wear the NOAA diver insignia after authorization by the Director.

- (4) Insignia of Other Services –NOAA Corps officers authorized to wear qualification insignia of other services may do so in accordance with the section below.

C. Manner of Wear

- (1) Qualification insignia are worn on the left breast.
- (2) If wearing one device, place it in the primary position.

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- (3) NOAA Corps officers with multiple qualifications may wear two insignia, placing one in the primary position and one in the secondary position. Only one insignia from any qualification category (i.e., diver, aviator, etc.) is authorized for wear at the same time.
- (4) Positioning of insignia shall be as follows:
 - (a) With Ribbon Bars or Medals
 - 1. The primary insignia is centered above ribbon bars or medals with the lower edge of the device 1/4-inch above the top row of ribbon bars or medals.
 - 2. The secondary insignia is centered below ribbon bars with the top of the device 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket or pocket flap, or centered below medals with the top of the device 1/4 inch below the lowest row of medals.
 - (b) Without Ribbon Bars or Medals
 - 1. The primary insignia is centered above the left pocket with the lower edge of the device 1/4 inch above the top of the pocket. On Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, men center the insignia on the left lapel, 3 inches below the notch; women center the insignia on the left lapel down one-third the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.
 - 2. The secondary insignia is centered 1/4 inch below the top of the pocket or pocket flap. On Dinner Dress Jacket uniforms, position the secondary insignia 1/4 inch below the primary insignia. Secondary insignia are not authorized for wear on working uniforms.

12605 LARGE MEDALS

- A. Large medals recognize awards made to individuals for performance of certain duties, acts, or services. With the exception of the Medal of Honor, all United States medals consist of a short suspension ribbon, in distinctive colors, from which hangs a medallion.

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- B. Large medals shall be worn on the left breast of Full Dress uniforms. When wearing more than one medal, suspend them from a holding bar that supports the medals' weight. Rows may contain up to three medals without overlap. In rows containing four or five medals, the medals are overlapped. Overlapping shall be proportional, making the width equal to a row of three. The inboard medal shall show in full. Medals shall be arranged in rows in accordance with NCD Chapter 12, Part 6, Attachment 2. Position each upper row of medals so the medallions cover the suspension ribbons of the medals in the row below. The holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the pocket or pocket flap.
- C. Medals shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. The Medal of Honor is worn on a suspension ribbon made to fit around the neck.
- D. Recipients of decorations and service awards for which no large medals have been authorized or struck shall wear such ribbon bars on the right breast when large medals are worn. On Full Dress White (male and female) and Full Dress Blue (female), the ribbon bars shall be centered 1/4 inch above the right pocket flap. On Full Dress Blue (male) the ribbon bars shall be positioned on the right breast as though there were a pocket. Arrangement of ribbon bars shall be by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. (NOTE: This order mirrors wear on left breast.)

12606 MINIATURE MEDALS

- A. A miniature medal is a replica of a large medal, to a scale of one-half that of the original. The full-size Medal of Honor is worn when miniature medals are authorized.
- B. Miniature medals are worn with Formal Dress, Dinner Dress Jacket, and Dinner Dress uniforms. When wearing more than one medal, suspend them from a holding bar that supports the medals' weight. Wear up to five miniature medals in a single row with no overlap. Medals shall be arranged in accordance with NCD Chapter 12, Part 6, Attachment 2. Position each upper row of medals so the medallions cover the suspension ribbons of the medals in the row below.

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- (1) Male Officers
 - (a) When worn on the Service Dress coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket.
 - (b) When worn on the Dinner Dress Jacket coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals shall be positioned 3 inches below the notch and centered on the left lapel.
- (2) Female Officers
 - (a) When worn on the Service Dress coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is centered 1/4 inch above the left pocket flap.
 - (b) When worn on the Dinner Dress Jacket coat (blue or white), the holding bar of the lowest row of medals is worn in the same relative position as in (1) (b) above, down 1/3 the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.
- C. Medals shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom.
- D. Recipients of awards for which no miniature medals have been authorized or struck shall not wear such ribbon bars when miniature medals are required.

12607 RIBBON BARS

- A. A ribbon bar replicates the distinctive fabric design symbolizing a particular award, in the form of a bar, 1-3/8 inches by 3/8 inch. Thin-mount ribbon bar sets that retain the appearance of standard ribbon bars are authorized. Ribbon bars shall be kept neat and clean at all times.
- B. On service uniforms, no ribbon bars, the three senior ribbon bars, or all ribbon bars may be worn at the discretion of the individual NOAA Corps officer. Ribbon bars are required on Full Dress uniforms. Ribbon bars, when worn, will be placed on the uniform in the manner prescribed in these Directives
- C. Manner of Wear - Ribbon bars shall be arranged by order of precedence from inboard to outboard and from top to bottom. One, two, or three ribbon bars are worn in a single row. When more than three ribbon bars are authorized, they shall be worn in horizontal rows of three each. If not in multiples of three, the uppermost row shall contain the lesser number, the center of the row to be over the center of the row below it.

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Ribbon bars shall be worn without intervals between ribbon bars or rows, with the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket or pocket flap. In all instances, a single back plate shall be used to properly display all ribbon bars. For example, one three-ribbon back plate will be used instead of three one-ribbon back plates.

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- A. Only one of each medal or ribbon bar shall be worn. Subsequent awards are denoted by attachments to the medal or ribbon bar.
- B. Stars - There are seven variations of stars used on medals and ribbon bars issued by the NOAA Corps. Stars are worn with one point up. See 12601 - Attachment 4.
 - (1) A 5/16-inch gold-colored star is worn on personal decorations (large medals and ribbon bars) to denote each subsequent award received.
 - (2) A 5/16-inch silver-colored star is worn on personal decorations (large medals and ribbon bars) in lieu of five gold-colored stars to represent sixth award.
 - (3) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (ribbon bars) to denote subsequent awards.
 - (4) A 3/16-inch silver-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (ribbon bars) in lieu of five bronze-colored stars to represent sixth award.
 - (5) A 1/8-inch gold-colored star is worn on personal decorations (miniature medals) to denote each subsequent award received.
 - (6) A 1/8-inch silver-colored star is worn on:
 - (a) personal decorations (miniature medals) in lieu of five gold-colored stars to represent sixth award; and
 - (b) unit, service, and societal awards (miniature medals) in lieu of five bronze-colored stars to represent sixth award.
 - (7) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored star is worn on unit, service, and societal awards (miniature medals) to denote subsequent awards.
- C. Triangles - Triangles are worn one point up.
 - (1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored triangle is worn on the SAME ribbon bar as part of the SAME Karo Award.
 - (2) A 3/16-inch silver-colored triangle is worn:

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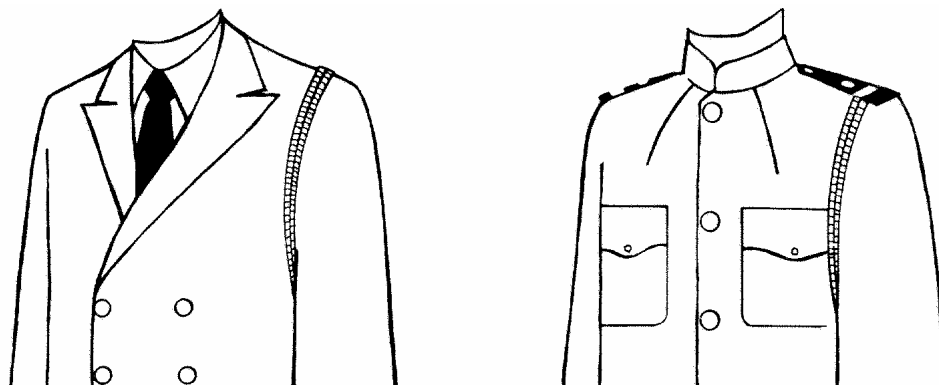
- (a) on the SAME miniature medal and the SAME ribbon bar as part of the SAME Colbert Medal; and
 - (b) on the NOAA Corps International Service Ribbon bar to denote completion of an overseas permanent change of station (PCS) tour in an area other than the United States, its possessions or territories.
- D. Antarctica Wintered-Over Clasp - A bronze-colored clasp, 1/8-inch by 1-1/2 inches, with the words "Wintered Over" on the suspension ribbon of the Antarctic Service Medal (large medal) denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored clasp of the same dimensions denotes the third or subsequent wintering over period. The clasp is worn centered on the suspension ribbon. Not more than one clasp shall be worn.
- E. Antarctica Wintered-Over Disk - A bronze-colored disk, 5/16-inch diameter, with an outline of the Antarctic continent inscribed thereon worn on the suspension ribbon of the Antarctic Service Medal (miniature medal) and on the ribbon bar denotes the first wintering over period. A gold-colored disk denotes the second wintering over period, and a silver-colored disk denotes the third or subsequent wintering over period. The disk is worn centered on the ribbon bar and the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal, peninsula pointing up. Not more than one disk shall be worn.
- F. "S"
 - (1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "S" affixed to the large ACO medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar signifies the ACO Science Award.
 - (2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "S" affixed to the miniature ACO medal suspension ribbon signifies the ACO Science Award.
- G. "E"
 - (1) A 3/16-inch bronze-colored "E" affixed to the large ACO medal suspension ribbon and ribbon bar signifies the ACO Engineering Award.
 - (2) A 1/8-inch bronze-colored "E" affixed to the miniature ACO medal suspension ribbon signifies the ACO Engineering Award.

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- (1) Plastic - The name tag shall conform to the following specifications:
 - (a) Size - 1 inch by 3 inches.
 - (b) Color - Lustrous, "air force blue" background.
 - (c) Lettering - Engraved, white block-type uppercase, last name only.
 - (d) Material - Bakelite or any similar material that will hold the lustrous
 - (e) NOAA Seal – Engraved or Etched.
 - (f) Manner of Wear - Worn on all service uniforms. The name tag is worn centered 1/4-inch above the right breast pocket. On uniforms without a right breast pocket, place the name tag on the right front as though there were a pocket. On the Army-style black V-neck pullover sweater, the name tag is worn centered on the fabric patch provided on the right breast.
- (2) Leather - The name tag shall conform to the following specifications:
 - (a) Size - 2 inches by 4 inches.
 - (b) Color - Black.
 - (c) Lettering - Gold block-type uppercase, 3/16-inch high for last name and service "NOAA CORPS".
 - (d) Material - Leather with Velcro affixed to the back.
 - (e) NOAA Corps Seal - A gold-colored NOAA Corps emblem shall be
 - (f) Manner of Wear - Worn on the Velcro patch provided on sweaters, flight suits, and flight jackets.
- (3) Cloth - the name tag shall conform to the following specifications:

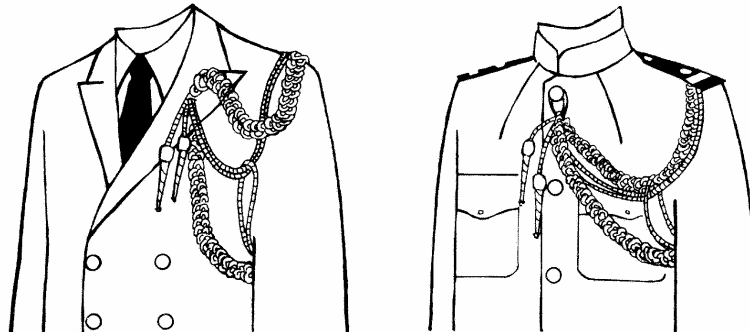
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- (a) Size - 1-inch wide cloth. Length corresponds to the length of the last name.
 - (b) Color - Blue or green background.
 - (c) Lettering - White on blue background or black on green background, block-type uppercase, embroidered or stenciled, last name only.
 - (d) Material - Standard name-tag-grade cloth.
 - (e) Manner of Wear - Worn centered on right breast. The blue name tag is worn on Working Coveralls and the Blue Working Jacket (A-2). The green name tag is worn on the Green Working Jacket (A-2).
- (4) Plastic and leather NOAA name tags are ordered through the Commissioned Personnel Center. Cloth name tags are available through many military uniform outlets.
- (5) NOAA Corps officers assigned to other services may wear a name tag of that service's design on the NOAA uniform while assigned to that service.
- B. Aiguillettes – A NOAA Corps officer designated as aide for Secretary of Commerce, Under Secretary, Assistant Secretary or NOAA Corps admirals shall wear an aiguillette on the left shoulder of the uniform while acting in that capacity. Service aiguillettes are ordinarily worn; dress aiguillettes are for formal official ceremonies and functions.
- (1) Service Aiguillettes consist of two or three loops of aiguillette cord, with a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk. Three loops of aiguillette cord designate an aide to a vice admiral and two loops designate an aide to a rear admiral or rear admiral (lower half).



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- (2) Dress Aiguillettes consist of two single aiguillette cords, having a core of yellow cotton, covered by braiding of gold or gilt thread and dark-blue silk, plaited, and two additional loops of unplaited aiguillette cord. The end of the plaited cord has a becket of gold cord and two gilt metal pencils secured by lengths of plain cord.

**C. Identification Badges of Other Services**

- (1) Identification badges authorized while assigned to another service or organization may be worn in accordance with the issuing service's Directives.
- (2) Subsequent to departure from duty with that service or organization, continued wearing of the identification badge is at the discretion of the officer involved.
- (3) Identification badges shall not be worn on working uniforms.